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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: Brief for Conversation with Mr. Dodge
on the Latter's Letter of 9 October 1953
Refusing to Approve CIA's Request to
Support PPO and Map Attached on an
Emergency Basis

It is recommended that the DCI take the following position with Mr. Dodge:

1. The Dodge letter suggests that there is a need for long-range solution to the problem of CIA support for intelligence activities of other departments. He should be informed that we are aware that CIA's coordinative role with respect to government-wide intelligence activities might make it desirable for CIA to take a part in the coordinated development of government-wide intelligence budgets, but that there are many practical difficulties involved, as we see it.

2. These practical difficulties have to date precluded any concrete solution to the long-range problem. Thus there is no ready answer to the emergency situation which now faces the DCI and caused him to approach the Bureau on this matter.

3. Accordingly, and because of the importance to the intelligence community of the continuation of these posts, as specified in Tab A hereto, the DCI is obligated to find an immediate solution.

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4. CIA has considered the possibility of solving this immediate problem by using personnel on temporary duty from Washington, their expenses to be paid by CIA. However, this collection effort requires continuous presence of qualified personnel with the possible exception of [redacted] It is now believed that the map procurement program [redacted] could be handled for a short time on a temporary duty basis.

5. With regard to Mr. Dodge's mention of the possibility that a re-evaluation by the Department of State might produce a solution to the immediate problem it should be pointed out that prior to the DCI's request of 17 September 1953, the Agency had exhausted its own efforts to persuade the Department not to make reductions affecting these positions and was informed that the Department had no alternative. Since Mr. Dodge's letter was received, the Department has reconsidered the matter and has reaffirmed its decision. This reconsideration was noted to the Bureau of the Budget in [redacted] memorandum of 22 October to Mr. Macy (Tab B).

6. The DCI therefore should recommend to Mr. Dodge that he reconsider his decision in his letter of 9 October 1953 and that if he feels it necessary, the Bureau take appropriate action with Congress to make clear that there is no intent to violate the intent of Congress.

[redacted]
Assistant Director
Intelligence Coordination

(Note: If the question is raised by Mr. Dodge of using covert facilities, it should be pointed out that this would be unwise since the effectiveness of this program is based on its overt character.)

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